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THE *publiſhing of this Paper has been in Compliance with the deſires of ſeveral of the Merchants and others of this Town, as alſo at the repeated Inſtances of thoſe People that live remote from hence, who have been prevented from having the News Paper ſent them by the Poſt, ever ſince* Mr. Campbell *was removed from being Poſt-Maſter.*

To make this Paper the more Acceptable to the Trading Part of this Town, and other Parts of America, every other Week will be publiſhed an Account of the Prices of all Merchandize, how they govern at this Place, in the Nature of a Price Currant.

The greateſt Care will be taken that this Paper ſhall always contain the lateſt News that can be met with from the publick Prints; And as for the other Occurrences of the adjacent Provinces, the ſeveral Poſt-Maſters communicate all Matters of that kind to this Office every Poſt: And it is hoped the Method that will be obſerved in carrying on this Paper, will be ſuch as to render it agreeable. Thoſe therefore that are willing to promote it, are deſired to ſignify their Intentions at the Poſt Office accordingly.

Madrid, October 1. 1719.

UPon Advice that the French Army are in full March from Navarre thro' Languedoc to Rouſſillon, in order to attack the Frontiers of Catalonia, his Catholick Majeſty has ſent repeated Orders to the Marquis de Caſſel Rodrigo, and to Don Juan de Peubles, Generals of Horſe, immediately to march thro' Arragon to the Banks of the Segre, with eight Squadrons, and Prince Pio is to follow by more leiſurely Marches with a body of Foot. The Troops in Quarters upon the Sea Coaſts are all ordered to march that way; and Yeſterday the two Regiments of Guards began their March for Saragoſſa to joyn them; ſo that we expect there will be an Army of near 3000 Men in the Field.

Vienna, Octob. 2. By an Expreſs from Count Coloredo, Governour of Milan, the Emperor has an Account, that all the Troops deſign'd for the Reinforcement of Count Mercy in Sicily are march'd, as well the Foot which were to embark at Genoa, as the Horſe, who go firſt to Naples, and which together make 8500 Men. 'Tis hop'd theſe Troops, being all old Soldiers, may be ſufficient to finiſh the Reduction of that Iſland, as well as the taking the Cittadel of Meſſina, which however, makes a greater Defence than was expected. It has been again under Conſideration here, whether the Enterprize againſt Sardinia ſhould not be ſtill attempted this Seaſon, tho' the Affairs of Sicily has not been finiſhed, ſeeing it has been from Sardinia, that moſt of the laſt Reinforcements have been received by the Marquis de Lede.

Hague, Octob. 6. Notwithſtanding the Affairs of the North ſeemed ſo much embarraſſed, that the Re-eſtabliſhment of the Peace was judged by many to be impracticable, or at leaſt to be the work of a long and tedious Negotiation, we hope ſhortly to ſee this fatal Northern War, which has ſo much weakened the Proteſtant Intereſt, brought to an end by the powerful Mediation of the King of Great Britain. Our Letters from Stockholm of the 22th paſt, N. S. tell us, that the Queen of Sweden having accepted the Mediation of the King of Great Britain for the Peace with Denmark, and conſented to a Ceſſation of Arms for 6 Months, they hope a Treaty will be ſuddenly concluded between thoſe two Crowns. Theſe Letters add, that the Queen of Sweden has made ſuch reaſonable Propoſitions to the Czar, that they hope ſhortly to conclude a Peace with that Prince by the Mediation of the King of Great Britain, to whom the Lord Carteret, Ambaſſador and Plenipotentiary of his ſaid Majeſty, has written a Letter to offer the King his Maſter's Mediation, which has been alſo offer'd to the Ruſſian Miniſter at Berlin.

His Excellency the Lord Carterets Letter to His Czariſh Majeſty.

Sire, Stockham, Sept. 1. O. S.

THE King of Great Britain my Maſter, has ordered me his Ambaſſador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the Court of Sweden, to acquaint your Czariſh Majeſty, that the Queen of Sweden has accepted his Mediation in order to make a Peace between Your Czariſh Majeſty and this Crown. Mr. Whitworth, the Britiſh Miniſter at Berlin, has already had the honour to offer Your Majeſty the ſame Mediation by Mr. Tolſtoy Your Majeſty's Miniſter at that Court, and I am commanded to repeat the ſame Offer to Your Majeſty. As the Queen of Sweden was induced to accept the Mediation of the Crown of Great Britain, becauſe that Crown has never been engaged in the preſent Northern War; ſo it is humbly hoped that the ſame Argument will prevail with your Majeſty, and that Your Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to cauſe all Hoſtilities to ceaſe in the mean time, as a Mark of Your Majeſty's Acceptance of the Mediation, and of your favourable Diſpoſitions to Peace. I beg leave to inform Your Majeſty, that the King my Maſter has commanded Sir John Norris his Admiral, to come with the Fleet under his command upon this Coaſt, to protect the Trade of his Subjects, as well as to give Weight and Support to his Mediation; and that his Majeſty has taken Meaſures with the Moſt Chriſtian King, and his other Allies, among which Sweden is comprized, not only to procure to his Mediation the Succeſs his Majeſty ought to expect from it, but ſpeedily to put an end to the War, which has ſo long diſturbed the North.

I am,

With the greateſt Submiſſion and Reſpect,

Sire, Your Majeſties

Moſt Humble and Moſt Obedient Servant,

CARTERET.

Hanover,